phrase it) that the great man was not so entirely superior to humanity as to be wholly regardless of the highest literary honors. It will afford you, moreover, ready means of comparison of the style of the first and last President, if, (as I suppose) you have a missive from the latter on the same subject now before you.

I have heard nothing from Professor Roberts, since the date of your last letter, and conjecture, that supposing that "scope and verge enough" was not allowed him, he decides not *to accept your terms,* in all which he has the hearty concurrence of the Faculty.

A call to the field from one of Napoleon's Captains (the late Professor Burgevin) some years since, has produced a decided disposition upon my part to *fight shy* of all foreign Professors.

To David L. Swain.   U. Swain Mss.

Executive Office,

Raleigh,

Aug. 26th, 1845.

I have readily found the Inaugural in other Messages of Govr. Burke at the Session of the Gen'l Assembly at Wake C. H. in June 1781. The ceremony of inauguration you will perceive is the same that was observed at the installation of Gov. Caswell. What has become of the old sword of State is a matter worthy of curious inquiry.

You will preceive that Burke was elected Governor on the 25th. of June 1781, and installed either the next, or the second day following. The inaugural, I believe, is without date, but other Messages bear date the 27th. The files of this Session & that of 1780, shed a much more favorable light on the character of Gov. Nash, than any documents I have yet seen. He served as a member of the Senate untill the 26th. of April 1780, when he was elected Gov. and a Committee was appointed "to confer on him the honors of Government." He continued in this office untill Burke's election, as before stated. In his Message at the opening of this Session, he states that he had acted one year under an election, & two months "by an act of Assembly," says that the office is one of very limited powers by the true reading of the Constitution, but that the Gen'l Assembly had interfered with